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ORIGIN

1. It is reported that the officer in charge of the German press in the Soviet Sector of Berlin, Major Davidenko, has gone to Moscow, allegedly on leave. His work is being handled by Lt. Colonel Koltypin.
2. Relations between the editorial staff of Neues Deutschland and the Russian censors are very strained; the staff has lost all independence in any important questions. The censors are accused of using petty methods and chicanery. The main objection to the censors is that they will not allow objective reporting on conditions in the West.
3. On 15 October the Neues Deutschland censor cut out an entire article on an order of SMA Berlin dated 12 October. On 23 October mention of the fair at Frankfurt/Main was deleted. On 24 October the censor rejected an article blaming the Bewag for the lack of electric power in Berlin. 86,000 copies of one issue, shortly before 20 October, were confiscated because of a sentence dealing with the change in mayors on the basis of election results.
4. The following figures on the circulation of Berlin papers at the end of October were received from a reliable source:

1) Tägliche Rundschau	600,000	daily
2) Neues Deutschland	350,000	
3) Vorwärts	200,000	
4) Berliner Zeitung	350,000	
5) Nacht-Express	200,000	
6) Tagesspiegel	450,000	
7) Kurier	400,000	
8) Telegraf	400,000	
9) Sozialdemokrat	50,000	
10) Der Morgen	250,000	
11) Neue Zeit	250,000	
12) Der Abend	100,000	

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